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NOTE TO: Members of the Military Advisory Panel

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SUBJECT: Documents on Soviet Military Policy

At the last meeting of the MAP I made a few general comments on the questions Gorbachev and his various reforms were raising about future Soviet military and arms control behavior. Attached are three documents that together present a picture of our level of understanding (or confusion).

The DDCI's testimony of 12 July to the House Armed Services Committee, prepared largely by himself on the basis of inputs from DI/SOVA and various NIOs. This is the view of the "man from Missouri".

A research paper by DI/SOVA which forecasts substantial military policy change.

Some notes for an informal and personal presentation I am scheduled to make before the Defense Policy Board on 14 July. It treats the military policy issues in the context of a broader (and skeptical) assessment of the Gorbachev regime.

If you could scan these documents during the reading period, I would appreciate a chance to discuss the issues raised during part of the working lunch or perhaps at the tail end of the meeting. These issues will be seminal to the completion of NIEs 11-3/8 (strategic forces), 11-14 (general purpose forces), and 11-4 (security policy) between now and the end of the year.


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